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Man's body found in north end

FATALITY Police were called yesterday morning to investigate the discovery of a dead body in the north end.

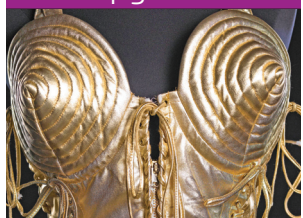
Details are sketchy, but police have released that the body of an adult man was found on the grass of Grand Trunk Park near 109 Street and 130 Avenue.

An autopsy has yet to be scheduled, after which, the man's identity will be released.

"Unfortunately, we have very little to go on at this point," said EPS spokesman Dean Parthenis.

This is the second suspicious death reported week. On Sunday, a man's body was found on a blood-splattered walkup to an apartment building at 11505-107 Ave. **VICTORIA HANDSIDES/METRO VANCOUVER**

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Sports display **One week for icing**



Ritchie Velthuis with the Sculptors' Association of Alberta fine tunes part of an ice sculpture in front of the provincial legislature. A team of sculptors is rushing to finish the Alberta sports-themed display, which takes close to a week's worth of work, for tomorrow's opening.

Coalition or campaign?

Expect 6 weeks of Tory ads if PM shuts House: Analyst

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Expect Stephen Harper to prorogue Parliament until January and get ready for a vicious propaganda campaign, says one political analyst.

It equates to a "parliamentary putsch," said University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper on the heels of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean's early return from Europe to deal with a coalition pact between Liberals and New Democrats, propped up by the Bloc Québécois, that threatens to oust the Conservative minority government.

"You can put together a pretty effective propaganda campaign in six weeks outlining just how secretive and cynical these three stooges have been," said Cooper, fully expecting a scathing attack ad campaign in Tory defence.

Around water coolers, Ed-

'Time out'

• Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday called for a "time out" in order to "focus on the real issue facing Canada."

montonian Rob Gardner said opinion is split on whether a potential coalition is designed to stimulate the economy or a farce to quell the sour grapes of sore losers.

"People are laughing and shaking their heads," said Gardner. "We already have one clown running this circus, we don't need three."

While finger-pointing runs rampant, Grant MacEwan poli-sci Prof. Chal-deans Mensah said in this case, there's enough humble pie to go around.

"There's a real sense of an engineered crisis here, and all parties must share the blame because both the government and opposition all made this situation untenable," said Chal-deans.

MORE COVERAGE/PGS 3, 4

Council debates neighbourhood-makeover cash

REVITALIZATION. City budget deliberations continued yesterday, with emphasis on how to allocate more than \$100 million to beautify crumbling neighbourhoods.

Money for neighbourhood revitalizations wasn't allocated by administration in the budget proposal, with no funding plan for a need exceeding \$150 million.

The money would be used over 10 years to slap a shiny exterior on streets such as 118 Avenue, 107 Avenue, Jasper Avenue and Stony Plain Road.

"How can we move these areas ahead?" asked Mayor Stephen Mandel. "You (administration) wanted a 24 per cent increase. I want to do it without bankrupting

the communities."

Administration will deliver a plan for generating revenue for the projects next week.

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Residential housing sales during the month of November have dipped to levels not seen in the city since 1998, the Realtors Association of Edmonton said yesterday. "Our members report there are a lot of potential buyers in the market, but many are not ready to commit," said president Marc Perras. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



Oops, she's coming back again

Britney Spears is coming back to Alberta's capital April 6, 10 years after her last visit to Rexall Place. The pop singer will include Edmonton on her comeback tour, which will include 27 stops across North America. Her other Canadian dates include Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Tickets go on sale Saturday. **METRO EDMONTON**



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Gangsters go to school: Cop

CRIME Gangsters are hitting the books and blending in with regular college students, a police Gang Unit officer warns.

Const. Phil Werth is one speaker lined up for today's civil campus conference at the Shaw Conference Centre.

The event boasts a lineup of speakers and panelists, touching on issues such as post traumatic stress, aggression and gang culture as it relates to post-secondary education.

The Gang Unit responds to any suspected organized-crime complaints, which includes school shootings, Werth said.

"There are definitely a lot of gang members enrolled at schools," he said. "If you got involved with these people, you'd be in serious danger."

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News in brief

BUTT OUT The smoke will clear from all NAIT campuses by the end of the school year. Currently, smoking is banned within 10 metres of entrances, air intakes and bus shelters. Concerns were brought forward from staff and students, forcing an inter-campus ban effective July 1. **METRO EDMONTON**

Med funding refusals reviewed

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Alberta's ombudsman is investigating why a number of Albertans in need of funding for medical procedures outside the country have been turned down by the provincial government without an explanation.

Gord Button says his office has received 12 complaints from people who were in need of critical treatments, including two five-year-old girls who needed therapy for an extreme sleeping disorder known as head-banging.

"In my view, this is administratively unfair," said Button. "The complaints I've investigated, it is unclear how decisions were made, what evidence was considered, and how that evidence was weighed in reacting to a decision."

The mother of the two



Five-year-old twins, Denise, left, and Nicole Raho, wait for a news conference to end yesterday morning. The children have a rare sleeping disorder, which forced them to seek medical help in the United States.

girls — Nicole and Denise — says her Red Deer family had to pay \$7,000 out of their own pockets to take the children to a special doctor in Chicago since Alberta Health and Wellness refused to pay for it.

"I was lucky enough to have those resources by taking them to the States," said Emerald Raho. "This is about Alberta as a whole, and making sure people can get the services when they need them."

Button says his investigation will focus on figuring if assessments on applications are done in a fair manner. The ombudsman would also like to hear stories from other Albertans who had out-of-country surgery.

Métis take Alberta government to court over hunting rights

LAWSUIT Métis will be challenging the province in a court battle to protect what they believe is their right to hunt and fish for food.

The lawsuit, filed to the Court of Queen's Bench by

the Métis Nation of Alberta Association, claims Métis have the right to hunt and fish on Crown lands across the province.

The province originally recognized Métis hunting

rights, but the government changed its policies recently to restrict harvesting to 17 communities and eight settlements mostly in northern Alberta.

"This is a colossal waste of

everybody's time, there are court resources, and taxpayers should be outraged," said Jean Teillet, a lawyer with the Métis association's team, during a small rally yesterday.

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO EDMONTON

Senior pushed to ground in robbery

THEFT Police are on the lookout for a robber who preyed on a senior citizen on Monday night.

Around 8 p.m., an 83-year-old woman was loading packages in the trunk of her car after shopping near 137 Avenue and 40 Street.

A man approached her with a knife and demanded her belongings, slammed her to the ground, jumped in her car, and tore off.

Police are urging citizens to be on the lookout for a blue 2003 Ford Taurus with an Alberta licence plate GWE 050 and a white male, mid-20s, around 5-foot-4, with a grey complexion.

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What's online today.

Video The life, legacy and accomplishments of Ted Rogers at metronews.ca/canada

Video Canadians react to Ottawa drama with both glee and outrage at metronews.ca/canada



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Olympic security going to sea?

RCMP are again looking to use cruise ships to house security officers during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, even though their first attempt at such a plan fell apart amid a cost dispute. **REUTERS**

Canada



Greens May be in

The Green Party may have a role to play in a proposed coalition government aimed at replacing the minority Conservatives, leader Elizabeth May, left, said yesterday. The party, which has no elected members in Parliament, fully supports the alliance. May said she has been in discussions with Liberal leader Stéphane Dion over what role the party might play in the coalition. **REUTERS**

Media mogul Ted Rogers dead at 75

TORONTO Ted Rogers, who headed a North American broadcasting, publishing and telecoms conglomerate, has died, Rogers Communications said yesterday. He was 75.

Rogers, who was hospitalized in late October for an existing heart condition, died at his home in Toronto.



Ted Rogers

"Though Ted was relentless in business and building this company over the years, he was also very much a family man," said Phil Lind, Rogers' vice-chairman, who worked with the founder for almost 40 years. **REUTERS**

Video: The life and legacy of Ted Rogers at metronews.ca/canada

Bus security to be upped: Greyhound

SAFETY Greyhound will tighten security at Canadian bus terminals, including screening passengers with hand-held metal detectors, the company said yesterday.

The new rules come four months after Tim McLean, 22, was beheaded by a fellow passenger on a bus near Portage La Prairie, Man., though Greyhound said the change was the result of a two-year security study. The rules will start Dec. 15, beginning at terminals in Calgary and Edmonton, Alta. and Winnipeg, Man. **REUTERS**

Nation watching Gov. Gen.

Having spent the past week in a flurry of handshakes and speeches, she is coming home to hole herself up with books and advisers to grapple with a crisis that places the fate of the government in her hands.

"It must be lonely in a way," constitutional scholar Paul Thomas of the University of Manitoba said of the enormous task facing Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean as she returns to Ottawa today after cutting short her four-country European tour.

"I'm sure she has trusted

Decision Maker

- Michaëlle Jean became Canada's 27th Governor General in September 2005. Jean was born in Port au Prince, Haiti. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1968, fleeing the dictatorial regime of the time. She is fluent in five languages: French, English, Italian,

Spanish and Creole.

- An award-winning journalist, Jean worked for eight years with Quebec shelters for battered women, while actively aiding in the establishment of a network of emergency shelters throughout Quebec and elsewhere in Canada.

confidants in her office, but at the end of the day, she has to sit down and ask herself what's the right thing to do in the national interest."

Her country will be

watching — and judging — her answer to that question, and even history may never make up its mind whether she got it right.

It appears increasingly likely Jean will face a re-

quest from Prime Minister Stephen Harper to prorogue, or shut down, the current parliamentary session before opposition parties get the chance to kick him out next week in the hopes of taking power with a coalition government.

She has the power to refuse him — a power that constitutional scholars and a former governor general say must be exercised with extreme caution — but nonetheless remains important as she fulfils her duties to maintain stability. Before Jean makes up

her mind, she will consult with a number of discreet advisers — both an in-house legal team and any number of academics and lawyers and others from a variety of fields and political leanings — who will help the former broadcast journalist wade through a Constitution that is often ambiguous or even silent on the most complicated issues.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Video: Canadian reaction to Ottawa drama ranges from glee to outrage at metronews.ca/Canada

Conservatives declare PR war on coalition

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched an all-out public relations war on his united opposition yesterday.

Fighting for his political life, Harper has given the nod to pep rallies, an advertising blitz and speeches by ministers to sway public opinion in his favour.

Harper faces almost certain defeat if an opposition motion of non-confidence goes ahead as scheduled on Monday. The Tories are considering a move to ask Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, who returns to Ottawa today after cutting short a European state visit, to discontinue or "prorogue" the 40th Parliament as early as tomorrow to avoid the vote.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper receives a standing ovation from his caucus during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

The Prime Minister led the way yesterday in calling a proposed NDP-Liberal coalition that wants to replace him "undemocratic"

and a threat to national unity. He derided it for handing the balance of power to "separatists" — an accusation his rivals mocked, cit-

ing Harper's own government's reliance on the Bloc Québécois to pass two budgets in the past.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BAILOUT The need to help the auto industry and preserve 400,000 jobs has Premier Dalton McGuinty calling for a resolution to the political crisis in Ottawa. McGuinty has been working closely with Stephen Harper on an aid package for the automakers.

MISSING Four people were missing yesterday as search-and-rescue crews responded to a vessel that had capsized off Newfoundland's southeast coast, CBC News Online reports. The Cap Blanc, which had been based in the French islands of St-Pierre-Miquelon, had left the Newfoundland port of Argentia on Monday, and had been heading home with a cargo load of road salt. The islands are just south of Newfoundland.

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Blame the boomers

LifeCycle

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friend about relationships. I wondered how she meets guys. Do she and her friends go to bars? "Oh no," she said. She and her friends might go to bars to meet a guy for a one-night fling but to find a meaningful relationship, they go online.

And what do they do, I asked, once they've found these meaningful relationships. Do they marry? "Lol," she said. Why would they marry? Why bother?

My generation is to blame for this laissez-faire attitude toward love and commitment.

We raised kids with an attention span of about three minutes, with a pick and choose attitude toward life, who select a career based on how much vacation time it gives them, who think happiness and success are a right, and who blame everyone but themselves when they are unhappy or fail. We taught them that it's OK to flee a marriage and bust up a family because one or the other of their parents isn't 'happy.'

Don't worry, we still love you, and here's a trip to Jamaica to prove it, but gotta

go 'cause I've been unhappy for years. This generation views divorce as an acceptable social trend.

We raised a generation of kids from broken homes, egomaniacs with poor self-esteem, people who go to clubs for casual sex and who look to Internet sites to find a meaningful relationship that doesn't include marriage.

For this generation, maybe love is a dish best served cold.

Denise Rudnicki is a West Coast-based writer, communications executive, and journalism instructor at Royal Roads University.



MICHEL DEADOR

Word on the street: Will you be giving money to a Christmas charity this year despite the global economic downturn?

Scott Campbell

age 19,
Edmonton

A: It doesn't matter how the economy is doing, I'm just not a give-something-to-charity kind of guy.



Lisa Skeed

age 27,
Edmonton

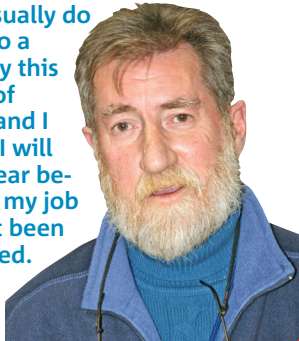
A: Yes. I'll give happily to whoever comes around when I have money in my pocket.



Fred Johnson

age 64,
Edmonton

A: I usually do give to a charity this time of year, and I think I will this year because my job hasn't been affected.



Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (357 respondents):

Yes: 25%
No: 7%
Don't know: 68%

Letters

Put away your partisan ways and put the economy first

It is sickening to watch the eyes of opposition leaders in Ottawa aglow with arrogant greed for power at a time when the country can least afford it. Come now, you elected officials — your performance of late is like a five-year-old having a temper tantrum. Please shed your diaper-stage performances, drop your partisanship and start tackling the task at hand: A deteriorating economy.

GERTIE POOL, ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

Harper has made a believer out of some in Canada

Why can't we just give the Conservatives a chance to rule the country and see what happens? Why can't we just give Mr. Harper some trust, some time and the respect he deserves as a prime minister elected by the people?

It seems that Mr. Dion is still not accepting his defeat. If another election is unavoidable, I believe Mr. Harper will still be our prime minister.

YAN ZHOU, TORONTO, ONT

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New York Gov. David Paterson has famous names to choose from in picking a replacement for Senator Hillary Clinton, including another Clinton — as in the former U.S. president. But speculation over Bill Clinton, while intriguing, is largely dismissed as politically impractical. **REUTERS**

World/Business

U.S. looks to ease tensions

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in New Delhi yesterday hoping to ease tension between India and Pakistan that has surged over the Mumbai attacks and put U.S. counterterrorism efforts at risk.

The rampage by 10 Islamist gunmen in India's financial capital last week stoked longstanding Indi-

an suspicions that Pakistan is unwilling, or unable, to stop militants on its soil from attacking India.

Rice cut short a European tour to go to India to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is under election-year pressure to craft a muscular response to opposition criticism that his ruling Congress party is weak on security.

On Monday, India renewed a longstanding demand for custody of about 20 fugitives it believes are hiding in Pakistan.

Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said military action was not being considered, but later warned a peace process begun in 2004 was at risk if Pakistan did not act decisively.

His Pakistani counterpart offered a joint probe to find the militants responsible for the killing spree in Mumbai in which 183 people were killed.

"We don't want to do anything in haste. We don't want to do anything that fuels confrontation," Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said. **REUTERS**

Business

Oilsands threaten to kill millions of birds: study

A coalition of North American environmental groups says the development of Canada's oilsands region threatens to kill as many as 166 million birds over the next five decades and is calling for a moratorium on new projects in the region.

The coalition, which include the Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC), the Boreal Songbirds Initiative and the Pembina Institute, say petroleum-extraction projects in the oil-rich region of northern Alberta are a threat to migratory birds and the boreal forest they rely on.

Their study concluded that development of the oil sands, would be fatal for six million to 166 million birds because of habi-

tat loss, shrinking wetlands, accumulation of toxins and other causes.

The solution, the groups say, is to halt new projects in the oilsands and to clean up existing facilities. They are also calling for strengthened regulations to protect Canada's vast boreal, or northern, forest and for Alberta, whose government has backed oilsands developments, to prove the resource can be exploited without serious environmental harm.

The report estimates about half of North America's migratory birds nest in the boreal forest and between 22 million and 170 million birds breed in areas that could be subject to oilsands development.

REUTERS

News in brief

DISEASE The death toll from Zimbabwe's worst recorded cholera epidemic has risen to nearly 500, the World Health Organization said yesterday, in a sign of the rapidly deepening crisis. The disease is normally preventable and treatable.

VATICAN Gay-rights groups and newspaper editorials yesterday condemned the Vatican for its decision to oppose a proposed UN resolution calling on governments worldwide to decriminalize homosexuality.

HEALTH There is no evidence that brand-name drugs for heart and other cardiovascular ailments work any better than their cheaper generic counterparts, researchers said.

WEAPONS States must ratify a new treaty banning cluster munitions swiftly to avoid delay in clearing and destroying stockpiles of the weapons, campaigners said. Around 100 governments are expected to sign the Convention on Cluster Munitions this week. **REUTERS**

Venezuela Opposing Chavez



Opposition supporters hold a banner depicting national hero Simon Bolivar as they protest against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's proposal of constitutional change in Caracas yesterday. Chavez is gambling his future on a referendum to change the constitution so he can run for re-election.

Facebook activists detained in Croatia

CIVIL RIGHTS Croatian police have questioned web activists who are criticizing or ridiculing the government, media and the opposition say, accusing authorities of violating basic civil rights.

Media said yesterday police had detained organizers of a group on Facebook which called an anti-government rally in several

towns, including the capital Zagreb, for Friday. The group has more than 80,000 members.

The Nacional weekly said police had arrested a co-ordinator of the protests in the Adriatic city of Zadar, while the Business.hr news website said police had detained and questioned another activist in Zagreb. **REUTERS**

TSX takes hit from Manulife

MARKETS The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index ended a see-saw session lower yesterday as news that insurer Manulife Financial will issue new stock offset rallying energy shares after talk of a takeover of Nexen Inc.

The tug-of-war between the slumping financial shares and rallying energy stocks sent the Toronto

Stock Exchange up by as much as 120 points and down by as much as 186 points.

The S&P/TSX index finished down 78.40 points at 8,327.81.

Manulife shares fell 2.79 per cent to \$19.89 after it said it would report a fourth-quarter loss of \$1.5 billion.

REUTERS

In brief

BAILOUT James Arnett, a high-profile lawyer with corporate-restructuring experience, was named late Monday as special adviser on the auto sector by the federal and Ontario provincial governments. He will help evaluate the condition of the auto industry and its future.

NEXEN Shares in Nexen Inc. rose 9.3 per cent yesterday after a report said that French oil major Total SA is poised to make a \$19.7-billion takeover offer for Canada's No. 4 independent oil explorer. Nexen shares rose \$2.03 to \$23.88 on the TSX. **REUTERS**

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Phelps named SI's sportman of the year

U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps was honoured as Sports Illustrated's sportsman of the year yesterday. Phelps broke Mark Spitz's record with eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics in August and became the winningest Olympian ever with his 14 career victories. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Avery suspended, out tonight vs. Oil

The NHL suspended the Stars' Sean Avery before last night's game in Calgary due to lewd comments made regarding his former girlfriend, actress Elisha Cuthbert, and her current boyfriend, Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf. "I just want to comment on how it's become like a common thing in the NHL for guys to fall in love with my sloppy seconds," Avery said yesterday. The suspension includes tonight's game in Edmonton, and is pending a hearing with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman.

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Sports in brief

NFL The New York Giants suspended wide receiver Plaxico Burress four games and placed him on the reserve/non-football injury list yesterday, officially ending his season. On Monday, Burress surrendered to authorities and was arraigned on a pair of weapons charges stemming from an accidental shooting Friday night. The wide receiver accidentally shot himself in the right thigh and spent time at a hospital.



Plaxico Burress

HOCKEY Quebec provincial police divers recovered the body yesterday of former NHL star Hubert (Pit) Martin, who drowned after the snowmobile he was riding on plunged into an icy lake near his home on Sunday. Martin was a four-time NHL all-star in the 1960s and '70s.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tough day all around for Blue Jays

It hit the Blue Jays' front office about as hard as a **Roy Halladay** fastball to the jaw.

As first reported at metronews.ca after noon yesterday, Canada's MLB franchise laid off about 40 employees on what surviving members of the front office have labelled Black Tuesday.

"So much for happy holidays," a Blue Jays source lamented. "A big chunk of the sales staff has been laid off. It's a very, very, very sad day. A morbid day. We're seeing a lot of tears here (at the Rogers Centre). First, we came into the office to the news that our owner (**Ted Rogers**) just died. And then the layoffs. I guess this day will go down for the rest of time as Black Tuesday for the Jays."

A number of divisions within the Rogers corporation were affected by the downsizing. It's yet another lousy sign of the times. Devastating economy. Recession. Dismal exchange rate. Misery. Lost jobs.

The Jays are the first sports organization in Canada to demonstrate their troubles with massive layoffs.

Sources who know about these sorts of things told me no Canadian sports franchise in history has laid off as many employees in one day as the Jays did yesterday.

And brace yourself because, sadly, other clubs surely will follow suit.

"It's an awful feeling," one of the Jays' laid-off salesmen told me. "It's hard to believe that they can offer tens of millions of dollars to a pitcher like

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A.J. Burnett and yet get rid of all of us like this. Put all of us (laid-off employees) together and we wouldn't even make half of what Burnett would get for one year ... It's hard to take."

And, oh yes, the Jays also have cancelled their annual Christmas party.

• It should be a happier day Sunday at the Rogers Centre, where the NFL will play its first regular-season game on Canadian turf.

The Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins (including ex-Argonauts dud **Ricky Williams**) will meet,

though Rogers Centre sources anticipate empty seats.

In recent weeks, Rogers reduced prices for some of the seats for the Bills-Dolphins tilt.

• Like Calgary Stampeders kicker **Sandro DeAngelis**, Hamilton Tiger-Cats kicker **Nick Setta** has drawn considerable attention from NFL sources. Setta, however, is strongly leaning toward re-signing with the Ticats for considerably less money than he could make if he cracked an NFL roster.

"In all honesty, I like Hamilton," Setta said. "I honestly want to stay."

Setta led the CFL in the past season with a punting average of 47.4 yards.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Esks free to talk to Benevides

CFL The B.C. Lions have given permission to Edmonton to interview defensive co-ordinator Mike Benevides for the vacant Eskimos head-coaching job. Benevides also is on the short list of candidates for the vacant position as Toronto Argonauts head coach. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Oilers recall Rob Schremp

NHL The Edmonton Oilers have recalled centre Rob Schremp from Springfield of the American Hockey League. The 22-year-old leads the Falcons with 17 assists and 18 points in 18 games this season.

Schremp was the 25th overall pick in the 2004 NHL entry draft and has played in three regular season games with the Oilers.

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Honda Fits like a glove

Revised subcompact still class leader for fun

Less than three years into Fit's stay in Canada, Honda has significantly revised it for 2009.

When you're a hit, life's easy. And Honda's Fit has definitely been a hit in Canada, continually selling out its yearly allotment with ease. Beyond just being a spacious and fuel-efficient hatchback, the Fit's fun-to-drive character is what keeps customers coming back for more.

Less than three years into Fit's stay in Canada, Honda has significantly revised it for 2009.

During the Canadian media launch in Montreal, Honda executives took great pains to ensure that journalists understood that the company was pitching the new Fit at young, single, urban, active, environmentally conscious customers. They even

held the technical briefing in Canadian DJ Max Graham's über-hip loft in historic Vieux-Montreal. However, when pressed on who actually bought the original Fit, much like Honda's Element SUV, the spectrum was much broader — and older.

Fit version-2.0 gets the usual size inflation to make it more palatable for, ahem, larger passengers. Length and width are up by a huge 4,110 mm and 1,695 mm respectively to help create a more livable cabin and increased cargo capacity, while the wheelbase and track stretch 2,500 mm and 1,475 mm, making for a more confident ride on the highway.

Honda's styling depart-

ment didn't have to work that hard at updating the Fit's sheetmetal. Throw a crease here, add a character line there... It's a very familiar shape, and can easily be mistaken for the older version.

The added length has thrown the Fit's cute styling proportions a bit out of whack up front. While the new version is more angular and sharper than the egg-like original, there's a reason why you won't see many side-on photographs. For whatever reason — call it having to meet old Canadian bumper regulations, North American "tastes", etc. — our Fit gets a more prominent proboscis that's none too flattering. European and Japanese-market Jazz' are much tidier.

The Fit's mechanicals stay very familiar, meaning an innovative floorpan that keeps the fuel tank under the front seats. Suspension remains MacPherson struts up front with a torsion-beam out back, but the

2009 Honda Fit

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Highlights

- Fun to drive
- Affordable
- Fuel-efficient

geometry has been altered to provide better handling.

Wheel and tire sizes go up in '09 as well with base DX models getting 15-inch steelies with plastic hubcaps, while LX models get the same 15-inch alloys found on the Civic Hybrid. Fit Sports exclusively get 16-inch alloy wheels.

The 1.5-litre 16-valve SOHC four-cylinder now gains i-VTEC, which increases horsepower to 117 at 6,600 rpm.

Transmissions remain five-speed units: a manual is standard on all trim levels, with the automatic options.



Inside, the Fit's calling card is its flexibility, thanks to the 60/40 split-folding Magic Seat.

However, the neat steering-wheel-mounted shift paddles packaged with the auto trans are gone for '09.

Fuel economy remains strong with the manual scoring 7.2/5.7 L/100 km city/highway. Strangely, for those looking for the ultimately frugal Honda, the automatic Fit actually takes the cake with a 7.1/5.5 L/100 km rating.

Inside, the Fit's calling

card is its flexibility thanks to the 60/40 split-folding Magic Seat, which now folds down flat in one motion thanks to new integrated rear headrests, and a class-leading 585-litres of cargo volume.

Unlike other recent Honda redesigns that have left us wanting, the new Fit perfectly fills its duty of a fun-to-drive runabout.

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Today's tough economy has millions of consumers seeking ways to spend less and save more.

If you're in the market for a car but stressed about your wallet here are some important tips to help you stretch your car-buying dollar.

Deals abound, so do your homework.

Because car dealers are now moving inventory to make room for 2009 vehicles, pay attention to local dealer websites, newspapers and circulars for price cuts and special promotions on 2008 makes and models they must clear off their lots.

If you need car financing, be sure to check a variety of lenders, such as your local credit union, to find rates and loan terms that work best for you.

If you finance through the car dealer, check your credit score online and bring this information with you to the dealership to help determine the types of financing programs you qualify for.

Finally, making a larger down payment could help you qualify for financing programs for which you may not have initially qualified, reducing your monthly car payment expenses in the process.

When it comes to selecting a car, be flexible. Research a variety of makes and models in the same or similar class to find comparably equipped cars at more affordable prices.

You may find a second, third or even fourth choice that costs less, without sac-



If you're in the market for a car but stressed about your wallet, there are many ways you can stretch your car-buying dollar.

When it comes to selecting a car, be flexible. Research a variety of makes and models ... to find comparably equipped cars at more affordable prices.

rificing the quality and features you really want.

The minute you drive a new car off the lot, it depreciates in value, so consider buying a used car.

Not only will you avoid hefty depreciation costs from the get-go, there's a good chance you'll find a great used car in excellent condition for less money than a new car.

If buying a used car scares you, check into certified pre-owned vehicles (CPO), which have gone through rigorous inspections and come with solid warranties for added peace of mind.

If you're trading in your existing car, research its trade-in prices and be honest with yourself and the dealer about its condition.

Give the car a good detailing and repair any minor damage prior to visiting the dealership.

If you financed the car, know how much you owe on your existing loan. Owning more than it's worth will obviously offset any discounts being offered on your new car, but on the other hand, those new car discounts might enable you to pay off your existing loan.

Finally, don't be afraid to negotiate a fair trade-in price, but be realistic. With the current state of the economy and recent fuel costs, you're likely to get a higher value on a compact versus an SUV.



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Rock museum a hit

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Rock enthusiasts, break out your air guitars and head to NYC. Opening in the Big Apple this week, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Annex, will take visitors "beyond the typical museum experience" to honour "the most defining moments in rock history."

Nestled among Soho's boutiques, the Annex is a 250,000 square foot building stocked with music memorabilia. It's not as comprehensive as her sister museum in Cleveland Ohio, but Annex does have a wide selection of rock relics, including: An Elvis "peacock" jump suit, handwritten letters from Paul Simon to Art Garfunkel, Bruce Springsteen's 1957 yellow Chevy and John Lennon's piano heard in the 1970's hit Imagine.

A visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Annex starts in the theatre, a gallery designed to look like a concert venue. Seated among the bar stools, museum-goers watch a toe-tapping, ten-minute music montage. Iconic stars, everyone from Aretha Franklin to U2, sing their hearts out to a crowd of screaming virtual fans. With surround sound, flashing stage lights and video projections, the theatre experience makes you feel like part of the concert.

In the next gallery, wireless audio devices, an iPod-like box complete with headphones, are handed out. Press play and the music automatically syncs up with the memorabilia you're looking at.

While standing in front of Johnny Cash's 1985 black leather boots, the audio guide blasts a fiery tune from the Man in Black. Moving towards Madonna's gold bustier, designed by Jean Paul Gaultier for her Blonde Ambition tour, the country music fades and transitions to the Material Girl's hit Express Yourself.

Since the museum and the technology are new, there are still a few glitches



Madonna's infamous Jean Paul Gaultier gold bustier.

New York's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is sure to have some piece of memorabilia that will awaken your rebellious inner rock star.

to be worked out. If you move around the room too quickly, the technology struggles to keep up. Scrambling songs from different artists, my audio guide played Bruce Springsteen when I was near the Grandmaster Flash exhibit and faded to Elvis Presley when I was near the Buddy Holly's acoustic guitar. Despite these tiny inconveniences (which engineers are working to fix), the technology is pretty impressive, giving a new, interactive dimension to traditional museum-going.

In the gallery dedicated to NYC artists, there's a 26

ft scale map of Manhattan, with a touch-screen computer system that points out the city's key music spots, from the Apollo Theatre, to Studio 54, Madison Square Garden, to Madonna's first apartment in the Lower East Side.

A Top 40 kind of girl, I was most impressed by Michael Jackson's handwritten lyrics to Billie Jean, the legendary hit on the Thriller album that sold 40 million worldwide. Die-hard rock lovers may be more intrigued by the exhibit dedicated to The Clash, which showcases the British punk movement and follows its social impact on fashion, film and politics.

No matter your musical taste, New York's new Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is sure to have some unique piece of memorabilia that will awaken your rebellious inner rock star and take it on a nostalgic journey.

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Blanchett's star

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From Broadway to Sunset Strip

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



William Shakespeare has been jokingly called the most prolific screenwriter

in Hollywood. At no time is that perhaps more befitting than right now.

With upcoming movie adaptations of such plays as Frost/Nixon and the Pulitzer Prize-winning Doubt, it seems Hollywood is looking evermore toward the stage for the sake of the big-screen.

"There's some great stuff out there in theatre," said filmmaker Darren Lynn Bousman who directed Repo! The Genetic Opera on stage before recently adapting it for the cinema. "Even in Los Angeles, these little black box theatres have incredible things that, in my mind, are better than a lot of movies out there."

Perhaps no one knows this better than Luke Brown. As associate artistic director of Halifax's Neptune Theatre, he has just staged a successful run of

Frost/Nixon and will be presenting Doubt in March.

"When we chose the show, we weren't even aware of the film," said Brown, admitting that cinematic counterparts aren't always advantageous from a marketing perspective: As they discovered staging The Producers last year.

"The film wasn't really well received and I think that may have hurt some people's view of going to see it (as a play)."

While musical-adaptations generally perform better on film, plays like Frost/Nixon continue to struggle jumping the cinematic synapse: Mamma Mia! earned an estimated \$143 million in multiplexes, but the Tony Award-winning play-turned-movie History Boys only wrangled \$2.7 million.



Frank Langella, left, plays Richard Nixon while Michael Sheen plays journalist David Frost in the screen adaptation of the play Frost/Nixon, in theatres this month.

Conversely, more successful has been reworking film for theatre. With Dirty Dancing, The Color Purple, Young Frankenstein and even Shrek being adapted for the stage, the lights of Broadway could easily be mistaken for the billboards on Sunset Strip.

"If people are laying down \$50 for something, they want to lay down \$50 for something they're familiar with," said Brown about the trend. "Something that they haven't heard of, people may be a little more hesitant to throw down money on."

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Battlestar prequel Caprica good to go

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GEEK CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY THIS YEAR: It's been sort of on and maybe off so many times now that I've gotten tired of getting hopes up, but according to Variety, the Battlestar Galactica prequel Caprica has been given the green light by the Sci Fi Channel.

With the end in sight for Galactica — the last half of the fourth season begins in January and ends on March 20 — Sci Fi needs something to keep its constituency pumped up.

"We want people to come to this who have never heard of Battlestar Galactica," Dave Howe, Sci Fi president, told Variety. "I think, because (Battlestar's) backdrop was space and

spaceships, there was a barrier to entry for some viewers. Caprica has none of that. It's an intense family drama set on an Earth-like planet, in the near future, speaking to a lot of the ethical dilemmas that we as a human race are going to have to face very shortly."

As everyone knows, prime among those "ethical dilemmas" is whether to sleep with your sexy humanoid robot, so it's all good, especially since the pilot for the show was completed months ago and will likely be leaked soon to file-sharing sites.

STONEHENGE, THE PYRAMIDS, ACCORDING TO JIM: You don't have to be ancient or huge to be a wonder — you only have to last well beyond even the most generous expectations of your apparently invisible fans, at least according to TV critic Alan Sepinwall of New Jersey's Star-Ledger.

Sepinwall was writing on the occasion of this week's

return of According to Jim to the airwaves for its eighth season. If it survives another season, it will have matched The Cosby Show for longevity and produced more episodes than Seinfeld. With that thought, let's pause and heave a deep, soul-shuddering sob before continuing with our apparently meaningless lives.

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Sophie
It's little Robbie's first birthday, and everyone's there to celebrate, including his father, Andre (Lyriq Bent), in this new episode. And since he's only 1 year old, it probably doesn't register on him that someone is stealing the spotlight. See, Rick (Sebastian Spence) is there with his new client, who turns out to be the hit of the party. Natalie Brown also stars in "Bursting Balloons." 8:30 PM on CBXT



The Grammy Nominations Concert Live: Countdown to Music's Biggest Night
It couldn't hurt to generate some buzz ahead of time — and to place that buzz generator between two annual television classics. Bookmarked by "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show," this new special celebrates the Grammys and the opening of the Grammy Museum with announcements of this year's nominees and performances by some hot stars. John Mayer and Taylor Swift are scheduled to appear. 10:01 PM on KREM



Scrubs gets a new network and a new chief of medicine — Courteney Cox Arquette. The NBC comedy is now on ABC, with Cox Arquette appearing in the Season 8 premiere on Jan. 6 as Dr. Maddox in the first of three episodes. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna, A-Rod house-hunting?

PEOPLE Madonna and Alex Rodriguez are quietly shopping for love nests on the Upper East Side and on the East End, sources told Page Six.

"Madonna personally came to look at one house a couple of months ago, and Alex has been looking recently," an insider said.



"We're talking about private, double-width mansions in the vicinity of \$30 million to \$60 million US."

The pop star and baseball player are also interested in scoring a house "with a garage that you can drive into for additional privacy — although those are rare

and hard to come by," the source added. Another source said they were also looking in the Hamptons, N.Y.

Madonna's rep didn't return a call or e-mail, but Rodriguez's reps denied the two were looking for real estate.

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Dunst gets restraining order

PEOPLE Actress Kirsten Dunst has been granted a restraining order against an intruder who was found on her estate last month, imdb.com reports.

Dunst wasn't at home when the alleged trespasser, Christopher Smith, was apprehended and escorted off the property.

Dunst maintains Smith

has trespassed on her land before. "Mr. Smith has repeatedly shown up uninvited at my place of residence in Los Angeles ...," Dunst states in court documents. "I fear not only for my own personal safety, but also for the safety and well being of my housemate and assistant."

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Gossip set spawns another romance?

RUMOURS There's a new couple on the set of Gossip Girl — Ed Westwick and Jessica Szohr are reportedly dating, imdb.com reports.

Westwick was rumoured to be involved with actress Drew Barrymore, but he has now sent gossips into a spin by apparently stepping out with co-star Szohr.

The couple was spotted

canoodling at an airport in Dallas, Tex., as they waited to catch a flight to New York on Sunday.

"They were trying to be discreet by stealing kisses near the gate," a source tells New York Post gossip column PageSix.

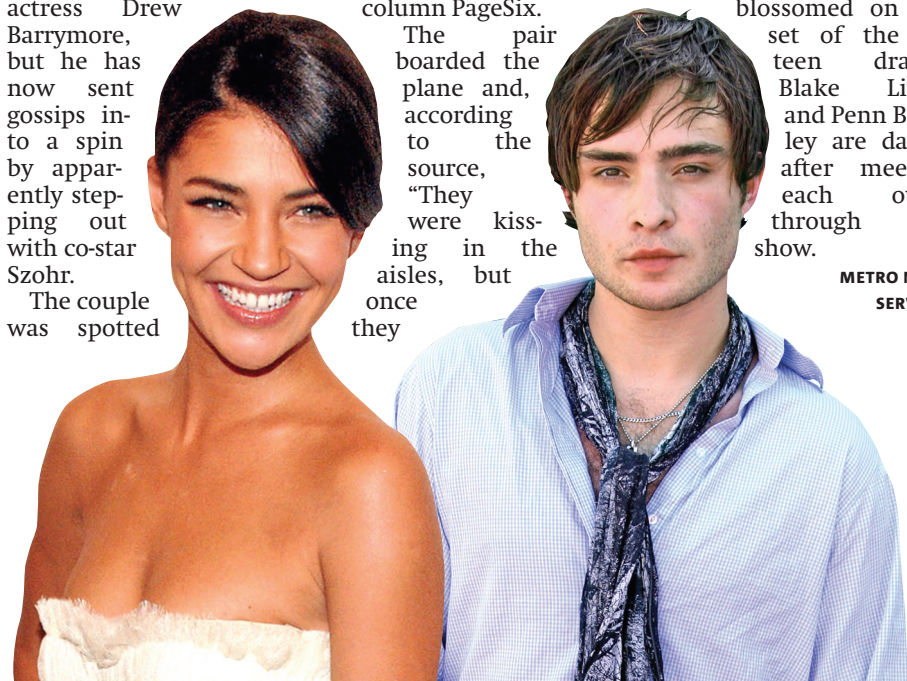
The pair boarded the plane and, according to the source, "They were kissing in the aisles, but once they

sat, she read her script and he drank a Heineken."

A representative for both stars said, "We do not discuss our clients' personal life."

It wouldn't be the first time romance had blossomed on the set of the hit teen drama: Blake Lively and Penn Badgley are dating after meeting each other through the show.

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Lindsay, Sam not apart

RUMOURS Lindsay Lohan has taken to her online blog to slam reports she is to split from girlfriend Samantha Ronson, imdb.com reports.

The pair, who have been dating since earlier this year, have been dogged with rumours of a breakup following a spat of arguments.

The couple was recently spotted arguing in New York, and Britain's The Sun newspaper reported last month they

had a spat outside a London nightclub, with Lohan left "in tears" after the incident.

But the actress is sick of the rumours, and is adamant she and Ronson are still together.

She writes on her MySpace blog, "Rumours ... Just to clear this up ... Because I have been getting a lot of e-mails asking me this one question. Samantha Ronson and Lindsay Lohan (me) are not breaking up," before ending the posting with a smiley face.

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Brad, Angelina can't cook

PEOPLE Actor Brad Pitt is ashamed of his poor cooking skills but insists his partner Angelina Jolie is no better, announcing the best meal she has prepared for him is "cereal," imdb.com reports.

The couple has six children together, but Pitt admits that

neither of them are able to conjure up a meal for their family because they just can't cook.

"I can rock a Sunday BBQ but that's as far as my culinary talents go," Pitt says.

When asked what Jolie's signature dish would be, Pitt replied, "Cereal."

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Mainly sunny
-9 °C / -15 °C

Friday
Cloudy
1 °C / -12 °C



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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

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| 8 State | Across, kind of | per? |
| 12 Birthright | number a ZIP | 43 Tomorrow, in |
| barterer | code generally is | Tijuana |
| 13 Pod denizen | 28 Morays | 46 Join together |
| 14 | 30 Guitar’s kin | 50 Ear-related |
| Unembellished | 33 Raw rock | 51 Spine compo- |
| 15 Word-for-word | 34 See 25-Across | nent |
| 17 Met melody | 35 Afternoon af- | 54 Make fun of |
| 18 Third rock | fair | 55 Have bills |
| from the Sun | 36 Apiece | 56 Encounter |
| 19 Applied the | 37 Muhammad | 57 Hot tubs |
| first coat | and Laila | 58 Take a spouse |
| 21 Stromboli | 38 Burn around | 59 Big hatchets |
| spillage | the edges | |
| 24 Popular card | 39 Resistance | |

Crossword down

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| 1 “— Only Just Begun” | 16 “Eureka!” | ing word |
| 2 Cruising | 20 Oxidationout- | 38 Hollywood in- |
| 3 “Young | 22 Bridal conceal- | dustry |
| Frankenstein” ac- | er | 40 Cabbies |
| tress Teri | 23 Sponsorship | 42 Trench |
| 4 Hardly blunt | 25 Dandy | 43 Some parents |
| 5 Suitable | 26 Rage | 44 On |
| 6 Floral garland | 27 Brunette in | 45 Acknowledge |
| 7 Aladdin’s prop | the “Archie” | 47 Mountain goat |
| 8 Forcefully | comics | 48 Genealogy |
| 9 Martini ingredi- | 29 Bart’s sister | chart |
| ent | 31 Mauna — | 49 Diner sign |
| 10 A Great Lake | 32 Hearing organ | 52 Ram’s mate |
| 11 Peruse | 34 Rhett’s shock- | 53 Roulette bet |

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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4	5	8	1	7	3	2	9	6
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7	8	6	9	5	4	3	2	1

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min
		Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Mustard-Tarragon Chicken Sauté

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g), pounded to 1/2-inch thickness
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 5 scallions, cut into 1-in. (2.5-cm) lengths
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried
- 1 small tomato, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup diced gherkin pickle

METHOD:

- In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Dredge chicken in flour, shaking off excess. Add chicken to pan and sauté 4 minutes per side or until

- golden brown. With slotted spoon, transfer chicken to plate.
- Add scallions to pan and cook 1 minute. Add broth and vinegar, and bring to a boil. Stir in mustard and tarragon, and return to a boil. Stir in tomato and pickle. Return chicken to pan, reduce to simmer, cover, and cook 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and sauce is richly flavoured. Serve chicken with sauce spooned on top.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 Don’t insist on deadlines being met. A viable concept will be seen to work. You’ll be severe if you’re asked tough questions.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 You’ll want to retreat from the world. You may have lost the ability to focus on conversations. Your feelings will improve by tomorrow.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 A friend refuses to take part in any risk-taking. Someone needs your help. A phone call creates momentary forgetfulness.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 Mixed fortunes will prevail. Your values are called into question. Fear of the unknown causes everything to bog down.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 A man’s attempt to expose corruption is irritating. Certain plans are best kept secret for a short time. A carefree person brings good news.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 Invite your friends and family to visit. Give in to the merri-ness of a great moment. Nothing lasts forever.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 Eliminate misery from your vocabulary. Trivial pleasures can cause social snobbery to arise. Don’t jump to conclusions.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 Someone is trying to pull a fast one. An anxious friend laughs too hard. Domestic difficulties will be remarkably advantageous.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 You’ll find treats in the least likely place. Everything will work out if you’re patient. A woman will make a dreadful error.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 Be courageous and give something a try. It’s your turn to be a hero. An old flame is living on a lonely street.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Do some walking to find what you really want. Face up to your motivation to change your life. Tie up any loose ends.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 Emotions will be on public display. It’s not a good day to spend lazing around. Carelessness will have someone all worked up.



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 DEC. 3, 1970: In Montreal, kidnapped British Trade Commissioner James Cross is released by the Front de Libération du Québec terrorist group after being held hostage for 60 days. Police negotiate his release and in return the Canadian government grants five terrorists from the FLQ’s Chenier Cell safe passage to Cuba.
 DEC. 3, 1997: In Ottawa, representatives from 121 countries sign a treaty prohibiting manufacture and deployment of anti-personnel landmines. The United States, People’s Republic of China, and Russia do not sign the treaty, however.

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